

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 QUITO 05868 182058Z

54

ACTION IO-13

INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00

/039 W

----- 039900

R 181958Z AUG 76

FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1216

INFO USMISSION PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 5868

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: UNESCO, PFOR, PINR, EC

SUBJECT: ELECTION TO UNESCO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

REF: QUITO 5702

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE DATED AUGUST 5 REQUESTING USG SUPPORT FOR GONZALO ABAD GRIJALVA, GOE CANDIDATE FOR ONE OF THE FIVE UPCOMING VACANCIES ON THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

2. ACCORDING TO ABAD'S CURRICULUM VITAE, HE WAS BORN AT CHONE, MANABI, ECUADOR, AUGUST 1, 1910. HE STUDIED PHILOSOPHY ONE YEAR AT QUITO'S CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, THEN STUDIED ONE YEAR AT THE FREE UNIVERSITY OF BRUSSELS. HE STUDIED THREE AND A HALF YEARS AT TEACHERS' COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK AND ONE SUMMER SESSION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY.

3. IN ECUADOR, ABAD HAS WORKED MOSTLY AS A TEACHER AND SERVED AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION FROM 1961 TO 1963. HE HAS MUCH OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE, HAVING SERVED AS A SPECIALIST IN UNESCO'S EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN PARIS (1949-1952), DIVISION CHIEF OF THE UNESCO EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN PARIS (1952-1954), ASSISTANT CHIEF OF UNESCO'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE IN PARIS (1954-1961), ADVISOR TO UNESCO'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN PARIS (1963), REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 QUITO 05868 182058Z

A UNESCO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN MEXICO (1964-1969),

CONSULTANT IN THE SUPERIOR EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRESS OF UNESCO IN ETHIOPIA (1971) AND IN YEMEN 1(1972). ABAD ALSO SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE OAS INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON CULTURE (1975-77).

4. FROM OUR BIO FILES IT APPEARS THAT ABAD IS WHAT IS KNOWN LOCALLY AS A "DESK MARXIST." HE IS THEORETICAL MARXIST WHO IS FOND OF THE THEORY BUT WHO DOES NOT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES. SFR FILES INDICATE THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF A COMMUNIST PARTY CELL IN 1944. HE WAS GIVEN A VISA FOR THE US WITH A WAIVER UNDER SECTION 212 (D) (8) OF THE INA IN 1972 (WAIVER FOR COMMUNISTS). ABAD REPORTEDLY HIRED A NUMBER OF COMMUNISTS IN POSITIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WHEN HE WAS MINISTER. ALSO WHILE MINISTER ABAD REPORTEDLY USED EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO OBSTRUCT USAID ACTIVITIES WITH THE MINISTRY.

5. OUR BIO FILES INDICATE REPORTS FROM A LARGE NUMBER OF SOURCES OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME THAT ABAD IS AN ACTIVE HOMOSEXUAL.

6. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE REPORTING DONE ON ABAD BY THIS MISSION OVER THE YEARS. IN CONSIDERING THE GOE REQUEST WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT REVIEW THE HOLDINGS OF INR/OIL/B/ECUADOR ON ABAD.

7. ABAD IS NOT WELL KNOWN TO CURRENT MISSION PERSONNEL AND WE FEEL HESITANT TO RECOMMEND A DECISION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS REQUEST. OUR BIO FILES SHOW MIXED REPORTS ON HIS DEDICATION TO MARXIST PRINCIPLES AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND HIS VIEWS OF THE US. WE WISH TO REMIND THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE GOE HAS JUST AGREED TO SUPPORT OUR CANDIDACY OF STEPHEN SCHWEBEL FOR A POSITION ON THE UN INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION. (SEE REFTEL)
BLOOMFIELD

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NOMINATION, DEMARCHE, BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ELECTIONS, DIPLOMATIC NOTES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976QUITO05868
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X2
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760317-0845
From: QUITO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760842/aaaabkx.tel
Line Count: 97
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 QUITO 5702
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 APR 2004 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <04 AUG 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ELECTION TO UNESCO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
TAGS: PFOR, PINR, PORO, EC, US, UNESCO, (ABAD GRIJALVA, GONZALO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006